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## **An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Adverse Possession**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §810-A**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 244, §1, is amended to read:

### **§ 810-A. Mistake of boundary line**

If a person takes possession of land by mistake as to the location of the true boundary line ~~and possession of the land in dispute is open and notorious, under claim of right, and continuous for the statutory period, the hostile nature of the claim is established and no further evidence of the knowledge or intention of the person in possession is required,~~ the possessor's mistaken belief does not defeat a claim of adverse possession.

### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this bill is to remove ambiguity in the laws governing adverse possession. The bill specifies that, if a person takes possession of land by mistake with respect to the location of the true boundary line, the mistaken belief does not defeat a claim of adverse possession.